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ANIMALS OR PARTS THEREOF

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In accordance with Rules 56, 97 and 98 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases (37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98), enclosed are copies of the materials on the accompanying one sheet of Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. None of these references is conceded to be prior art within the meaning of U.S. patent laws.

Remarks

German Patent Application No. 2557877 describes a device for the transport of slaughtered poultry from a first conveyor to a second conveyor, comprising an endless round-going drive chain which is mounted between the first and the second conveyor and which cooperates with a stationary guide. The poultry which is to be transferred arrives between the guide and the drive chain and is being taken along by the moving drive chain in the direction of the second conveyor.

French Patent Application No. 1408850 shows a device for transferring product carriers which travel or slide along a first conveyor track, via a connecting conveyor track, to a

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second conveyor track. The product carriers are removed from the first conveyor with the aid of a switching mechanism. The product carriers are moved along the connecting conveyor track by means of arms which are mounted on a rotatably driven disc, are spring mounted and describe a circular path which is in part parallel to a section of the course of the connecting conveyor track. Along the connecting conveyor track, the arms bear against the product carriers and, in doing so, exert a force on the product carriers which makes the product carriers advance along the connecting conveyor track.

Dutch Patent Application No. 7412044 describes a device for transferring slaughtered poultry which is moved, hanging by its legs in a conveyor hook, along a first conveyor track towards a conveyor hook which is moved along a second conveyor track. The device comprises a guide for the conveyor hook which is arranged along a section of the first conveyor track and along a section of the second conveyor track. Further a transfer guide for the legs of the poultry is being provided between said sections of the conveyor tracks. At a discharge end of transfer guide, there is provided an injector which is actuated by a piston device and which presses the poultry that is being moved along in the transfer guide, into a conveyor hook which is present along the second conveyor track. Applicants provide a copy of GB 1484099, which is a family member of 7412044 for the Examiner's review.

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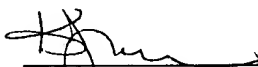
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